

# Grenfell Support News

## Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission announcement

A community-led Memorial Commission is to be set up to decide on the most fitting and appropriate way to remember those who lost their lives in the Grenfell tragedy.

The community-led Commission will be made up of representatives of the bereaved, survivors and Lancaster West Estate – together with relevant public authorities – seeking the views of the North Kensington area through its consultation process.

The Commission will develop a proposal for what will happen to the Grenfell Tower site, and decide how the memorial site will be owned and managed in the long term.

Its work is expected to take a minimum of a year, after which it will publish a report setting out its findings. Over the coming months the community will be asked to nominate their representatives and an independent chairperson will also be confirmed.

For information on the Commission please contact:  
[GTMCSecretariat@communities.gov.uk](mailto:GTMCSecretariat@communities.gov.uk)

The full announcement and the Commission's terms of reference can be found here: [bit.ly/2Of9Pbq](https://bit.ly/2Of9Pbq)

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## KAA settles into the new term

One week into term and Kensington Aldridge Academy (KAA) is settling in to the new academic year like other schools up and down the country - going about its job of ensuring students receive the best education possible and are equipped for the future.

With KAA now back at Silchester Road after over a year in temporary buildings, David Benson, Principal of KAA said, "It is a new normal, it is great to be back home and it feels right to be back in our community. We cannot forget what happened, it is now part of our identity and history. But that doesn't have to be a bad thing knowing that a strong community spirit will benefit us all. We are determined to ensure our students learn whilst supporting them in every way we can."

The Academy was built to be at the heart of the community, serving North Kensington children and providing them with the opportunity to learn. Before the school's opening, over 50 per cent of local students were forced to travel outside of the borough for secondary school.

The Academy was previously used by the community for various meetings and events before its move to temporary buildings following the tragedy at Grenfell. The community's use of the Academy building is beginning again with a number of fitness lessons, badminton and basketball clubs, and an Arabic school all making use of the building outside of school hours. This weekend three church groups will start to hold meetings in the Academy again, as they did previously.

David Benson added, "We have to keep looking forward and do the best we can for our students and everyone at KAA is committed to ensuring our students receive the best education they can. This is the first year that KAA has all year groups since we opened and our founder students will be sitting their GCSEs this year. Hopefully they will be able to take confidence from the success and ambition of our sixth form and their achievements this year and we are all dedicated to helping them achieve their potential."



## Activities programme at The Curve Community Centre

### Monday 17 September

- **10am–12noon** – ABC Early Years with Mithal (learn, play and educate)
- **1pm–3pm** – Healthy Hearts weight management course for adults. 10-week course. Sign up every Wednesday with Olivia at The Curve from 10am to 12noon or email [olivia.bales@healthyhearts.org.uk](mailto:olivia.bales@healthyhearts.org.uk)
- **2pm–4pm** – Community Contact Team – drop-in advice and guidance for all
- **6.30pm–7.30pm** – Zumba with Paula for ages 18 plus



### Tuesday 18 September

- **10.30am–12.30pm** – CV and job search workshop with Jasmine from NOVA. All ages welcome (drop-in)
- **10am–3pm** – Fouzia's Sewing Club – drop-in sewing club for all, grow your skills, knit and natter
- **10.30am–12.30pm** – ESOL/English Award in English Skills (both speaking and listening). At entry level 1 and level 2 from Westway Trust. This is an accredited course where learners will complete a portfolio of speaking and listening work (drop-in)
- **2pm–4pm** – Open Age presents health and wellbeing course for ages 50 plus. For more information and to book, call Maude on **020 8962 5594**. Find peace, passion, purpose and coping techniques.
- **4.30pm–5.30pm** – Shared Reading Group for adults and children. Contact Erin on **07483 972020** or [erincarlstrom@thereader.org.uk](mailto:erincarlstrom@thereader.org.uk) to find out more - open to all reading abilities. Come and share the joy of reading. Booking is required
- **5pm–7pm** – Arabic language classes for ages seven plus. Booking required, email [thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk)

### Wednesday 19 September

- **10am–12noon** – The Curve coffee morning. Come along for a coffee and a chat
- **10am–12noon** – Learn new ICT skills with an Age UK qualified tutor – enrol and be prepared to attend all sessions. For more information and to book, call Maude on **020 8962 5594**
- **10am–12noon** – Circle of Security parenting programme with Total Family Coaching and Parenting. Contact [info@totalfamilycoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@totalfamilycoaching.co.uk) or call **020 8969 5554** or **07397 871 877** to enrol
- **10.30am–12.30pm** – CV and job search workshop with Jasmine from NOVA. All ages welcome (drop-in)
- **1.15pm–3.15pm** – Drug and alcohol support session (drop-in)
- **4pm–6pm** – Mind Wellbeing Workshop (10 spaces available). Email [andrea.miguel@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:andrea.miguel@rbkc.gov.uk) to book
- **4pm–7pm** – Girls Youth Group for ages 13 plus (run by Laura for emotional health and wellbeing)

### Thursday 20 September

- **10.30am–11.30am** – Adults Yoga with Dimitris (drop-in)
- **11.30am–2pm** – Creative arts with Jay for ages seven plus. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult. Arts, crafts and other creative sessions consisting of painting, drawing and mask making (drop-in)
- **2pm–6pm** – Home Office help with immigration and passport issues (drop-in)



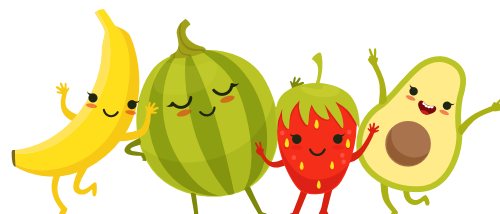
- **3pm–5pm** – Clarion Housing Group – Job search sessions open to everyone helping with job applications and CV writing (drop-in)
- **3pm–5pm** – One Digital at The Curve. Learn how to access and enjoy the internet. For all abilities (drop-in)
- **4pm–6.30pm** – Creative arts with Jay for adults. Creative class with jewellery making, upcycling and fabric design activities including African head wrapping (drop-in)
- **5pm–7pm** – Arabic language classes for ages seven plus. Registration is required, please email [thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk)
- **5pm–7pm** – Circuit training with James – all ages welcome. Circuit courses are a fun and interactive way for kids/adults to be physically active. (drop-in)

### Friday 21 September

- **11am–12noon** – Zumbini – Zumba for children (drop-in)
- **5pm–6.15pm** – Dance class with James for ages seven to 12, beginner's workshop (drop-in)
- **6.15pm–7.30pm** – Dance class with James for ages 13 to 18 - Beginner's workshop (drop-in)

### Saturday 22 September

- **10am–12noon** – ICT classes for beginners from NOVA. Six week course. Contact Chrissy at The Curve to book **020 7221 9836** (required)
- **2pm–5pm** – Music studio workshop with Moss. Moss specialises in beat making, songwriting, recording and live performance skills (drop-in)



The opening times for the creche at The Curve are:

**Monday and Tuesday: 10am to 3pm**

**Wednesday and Friday: 10am to 5pm**

**Thursday: 10am to 12noon**

To book a place in the creche, call **020 7221 9836** or email [thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk)

**The Curve Community Centre, 10 Bard Road, London W10 6TP**

Some sessions need to be booked in advance to secure your place, so email [thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk) and they will confirm your reservation by return.



For a full list of events visit [grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events](http://grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events)

This information is provided weekly by The Curve Community Centre. For more information call **020 7221 9836**



## Gift from 9/11 Memorial & Museum to Grenfell community

The National 9/11 Memorial & Museum announced on **Wednesday 12 September** that it is gifting a seedling from the Survivor Tree to the Grenfell community. The seedling has been grown from a tree that was badly damaged in the 9/11 terror attacks and survived.

Every year on **12 September**, the Memorial & Museum donates seedlings from the tree to communities that have faced and overcome tragedies.

No decision has yet been taken on where the seedling will be planted, but it could form part of the longer term Grenfell Memorial and be included and considered alongside any design proposals for the site, if this is the community's wish.

Further detail on this announcement can be found here: [bit.ly/2QqfWer](https://bit.ly/2QqfWer)



## Learn English, maths and computer skills at The ClementJames Centre

Register now for free English, maths and computer classes for adults at **The ClementJames Centre, 95 Sirdar Road, W11 4EQ**. Gain skills to help your children with homework or with finding employment at the friendly and welcoming classes. There are different classes for different ability levels so you are sure to get the tailored help and support that you need.

Classes start on **Monday 24 September**, so make sure you've registered before this time by dropping in to the centre directly. For more information you can call the centre on **020 7221 8810**, email [reception@clementjames.org](mailto:reception@clementjames.org) or visit [www.clementjames.org](http://www.clementjames.org).



## OneCommunity event fills The Curve



Hundreds gathered at The Curve Community Centre last Saturday (**8 September**) for a day of music, activities and family fun. The OneCommunity event had something for everyone, from the youngest (under five) to those slightly older visitors.

More than half of those who attended the event were first time visitors to The Curve, a fantastic endorsement for the centre. This is just some of what those who went had to say:

"Overwhelmed by the facilities and activities on offer, bag making, t-shirt making, great music too!"

"Very inspiring and uplifting, people of all cultures lifting spirits after Grenfell"

"Amazing event, amazing people. Thank you"

To find out about events taking place at The Curve next week and in the future see The Curve weekly programme on page two of this newsletter and follow Grenfell Support on Twitter [www.twitter.com/grenfellsupport](https://www.twitter.com/grenfellsupport)



## Support services on offer

Anyone who would like to speak to the police in relation to the investigation into the Grenfell tragedy is asked to contact the Met Police on **0800 032 4539**.

## Important contacts

### Grenfell Enquiries service

A one-stop-shop for support, advice and guidance around Grenfell. For more information visit [grenfellsupport.org.uk/grenfell-enquiries](http://grenfellsupport.org.uk/grenfell-enquiries) or call **020 7745 6414**

### Cruse Bereavement Care

Call the Freephone helpline on **0808 808 1677** or email

[helpline@cruse.org.uk](mailto:helpline@cruse.org.uk)

The helpline is open **Monday-Friday** from **9.30am to 5pm**. Extended hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings until **8pm**.

### Replacement UK passports, visas or immigration queries

Call the Home Office advice line on **0300 303 2832**. The line is open 24 hours.

### Air quality and smoke exposure

If you have concerns about any symptoms, see your GP and mention Grenfell. They will be able to direct you appropriately.

### Housing support

If you have any questions about housing or want to find out who your housing officer is please call **0800 137 111** or **020 7361 3008**.

### Victim support

Call **0808 1689 111** for practical and emotional support, or visit [victimsupport.org.uk](http://victimsupport.org.uk) The line is open 24 hours a day.

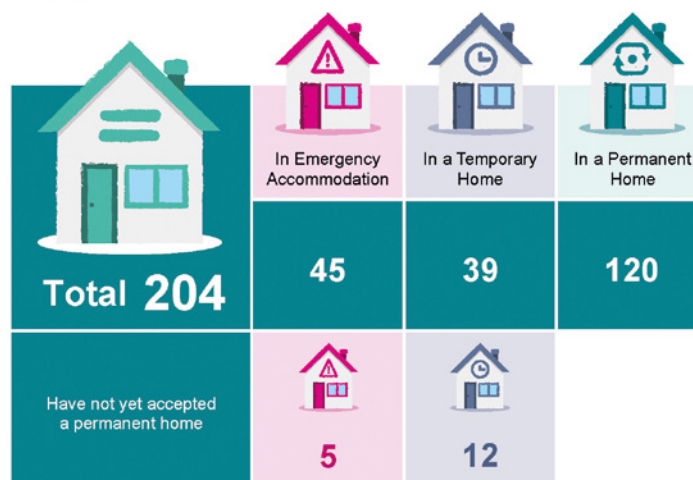
You can also get emotional and practical support at **The Curve Community Centre**. Call **020 7221 9836**.

## Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk rehousing progress update



These are the figures for

**13 September 2018**



## Help with English for black and minority ethnic women in North Kensington

Starting next week, the Asian women's charity "Hopscotch" will be providing free English for speakers of another language (ESOL) classes to black and minority ethnic (BAME) women.

The weekly classes will start on **Wednesday 19 September** from **10am to 1pm** and run for 12 weeks at the **Dalgarno Community Centre, 1 Webb Close, Dalgarno Way, W10 5QB**.

To be eligible for the programme you must be:

- Female
- Black, Asian or minority ethnic (BAME) including Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) and people of North African and South American descent
- Unemployed or economically inactive
- A legal resident in the UK.



Places are limited and registration is taking place now.

Email [Burhan.choudhury@hopscotchawc.org.uk](mailto:Burhan.choudhury@hopscotchawc.org.uk) or call **07921 466815** for more information and to book your place.



## Upcoming meetings

Residents welcome to attend.

### Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday 19 September, 6.30pm  
Kensington Town Hall

### Grenfell Recovery Scrutiny Committee

Monday 15 October, 6.30pm  
Kensington Town Hall

### Full Council

Wednesday 17 October, 6.30pm  
Kensington Town Hall

**Hestia and the Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust** are based overnight at the **Notting Hill Methodist Church, Lancaster Road** from **10pm to 8am**. Pop in for a chat and support.

The newsletter is also available in Arabic and Farsi languages.